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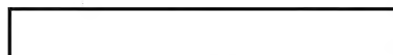
Thank you for your understanding letter of 30 July.

I am well aware of the difficulty, reflected in your letter, of finding a fair basis for valuing the notes, syllabi and reading lists which you prepared for the prospective Summer Program. We asked your help on this because we found ourselves under similar difficulty. We would not be permitted by law to value this material on any of the bases which you suggest. Unfortunately, the Congress and the General Accounting Office do not permit any government agency to make the kind of adjustment in these cases of innocent hardship which any business organization would readily make. Despite these limitations and difficulties, however, I am sure that we will be able to come up with an offer which you will consider fair under all the circumstances.

I do not think that it will help you or us for me to belabor your discussions of good faith or loss of personal reputation. Whatever mistakes were made by Agency personnel in this relationship with you, believe me, bad faith did not enter the situation at all. Neither do I feel that your personal reputation has suffered in any way. The [redacted] which you represent does not even enter into the question. I can give you, as I have given one of your colleagues, my positive assurance that cancellation of this program was done without prejudice to you personally or to your possible future employment by any government agency. I hope that this will satisfy you completely on this question.

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Sincerely,



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